

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL DURBAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2772

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT, SF

SUBJ: NOVEMBER EDITION OF "NATION" BANNED

REF: 76 DURBAN 506

1. THE SAG HAS BANNED THE NOVEMBER EDITION OF INKATHA'S MONTHLY NEWSPAPER, THE NATION. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE DEC. 20 AND THE BANNING WILL BE OFFICIAL WHEN GAZETTED DEC. 23. THE ISSUE, PUBLISHED IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND SOLD WITHOUT HINDRANCE, HAS BEEN OFF THE NEWSTANDS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, REPLACED BY THE DECEMBER ISSUE. THE PAPER'S WHITE EDITOR TOLD US HE WAS INFORMED THE ISSUE WAS BANNED BECAUSE OF HIS ALLEGORICAL EDITORIAL PIECE WHICH COMPARED THE AFRIKANER TO A "GREAT STUPID BRONTOSAURUS" INTENT ON SELF-DESTRUCTION. (COPY BEING POUCHED TO PRETORIA AND AF/S).

2. THIS IS THE FIRST RECENT SAG ACTION AGAINST INKATHA, AND COULD PRESAGE FURTHER STEPS. SUCH EX-POST-FACTO-CENSORSHIP SEEMS MORE OF A POLITICAL WARNING DIRECTED TOWARD CHIEF BUTHELEZI THAN A SERIOUS EFFORT TO STILL AN OFFENDING

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PUBLICATION.

FYI: THE LAST TIME THE GOVERNMENT BLOCKED DISTRIBUTION OF AN INKATHA NEWSLETTER, IN SEPTEMBER, 1976 IN THE WAKE OF SOWETO, CHIEF BUTHELEZI PUBLISHED THE ISSUE AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE KWAZULU GOVERNMENT, AND THE SAG DID NOT INTERFERE (REFTEL). BUTHELEZI HAS NOT YET COMMENTED ON THIS

MOST RECENT BANNING.  
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